

REMARKS

This amendment is in regards to Office Action dated December 1, 2005. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-19 and 21-23 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 21 and 22 are cancelled. Claim 23 has been amended.

This response is an earnest attempt to put the remaining claims in proper form for immediate allowance. No new matter has been added.

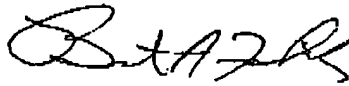
Claims 11, 12, and 14-19 were found allowable by the Examiner. This allowance is acknowledged and respectfully appreciated. In addition, claim 23 was objected to by the Examiner as depending from a rejected claim, but would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of the base claim 21 and an intervening claim 22. Thus, claim 23, as amended, is allowable.

A Notice of Allowance of all remaining claims is respectfully requested. If for any reason, Examiner does not believe that the remaining claims are allowable, Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-identified number.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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